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DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL GOVERNMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 28, 2021 – 6:30 PM

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1) Welcome and Introductions to Government Liaison Committee (“GLC”)

Jehan called a meeting to order at 6:36 P.M.

2) Call to order and roll call

Jehan Reagan (Co-Chair)	Present
Kevin Dieterle (Co-Chair)	Present
Cody Nowak	Present
Pablo Fontoura	Present
Reeyan Raynes	Present

3) General Public Comment on Non-Agenda items

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No public comment.

4) Administration & Reports

- a) Chair’s Report
 - i) Welcome to Government Liaison
 - ii) Assign a Notetaker

- b) Government Liaison Committee Goals
 - i) Functions of the Government Liaison Committee
 - (1) Community Impact Statements (CIS)
 - (2) Letters
 - (3) Committee members to register for ENS

Jehan reported being happy we’re starting this committee’s work and is eager to see where momentum takes us. Kevin offered to provide notetaking. Jehan mentioned the goal of the group as taken from DLANC bylaws is to monitor issues and motions coming before city council and other departments and bring those issues before Board to issue CISs or letters. Jehan also recommended signing up for Emergency Notification System (ENS) to get alerts. Kevin mentioned they are available to anyone in the public and that they are for all agencies, city council, committees, subcommittees, etc. and are useful to track goings on of Los Angeles.

5) Motion to Approve Minutes

No minutes to approve.

6) OLD Business:

No old business.

7) NEW Business:

- a) Discussion & Possible Action on submitting a CIS on CF 21-0658: 100 Percent Deed-Restricted Affordable Housing Projects/Expedited Approval Process/Strategic Plan

Purpose is to reduce barriers to provision of affordable housing and to create a more competitive marketplace to expedite development of affordable housing.

Motion to file CIS in favor of CF 21-0658: Reeyan; Second: Pablo

CF 21-0658	Recommend DLANC CIS in Support
Jehan Reagan (Co-Chair)	Yes
Kevin Dieterle (Co-Chair)	Yes
Cody Nowak	Yes
Pablo Fontoura	Yes
Reeyan Raynes	Yes

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- b) Discussion & Possible Action on submitting a CIS on CF 21-0002-S108: AB 1177 (Santiago, et al.) /California Public Banking Option Act/Financial Services Access/BankCal Program/Low-Income Communities/Communities of Color

Purpose is to provide public banking options to provide more feasibility for all to engage in banking. Many are underrepresented in private banking due to lack of resources and are being disproportionately hurt by check cashing fees, etc. Public banking helps address racial equity and disability equity issues in access to banking.

Motion to file CIS in favor of CF 21-0002-S108: Jehan; Second: Kevin

CF 21-0002-S108	Recommend DLANC CIS in Support
Jehan Reagan (Co-Chair)	Yes
Kevin Dieterle (Co-Chair)	Yes
Cody Nowak	Yes
Pablo Fontoura	Yes
Reeyan Raynes	Abstain

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- c) Discussion & Possible Action on submitting a CIS on CF 21-0533: Gas, Diesel, Fossil Fuel Pumps/New Building and Permit Prohibition/Zero Emissions Vehicle/Non-Fuel Related Facilities/Los Angeles Municipal Code/Amendment)

Motion to file CIS in favor of CF 21-0533: Jehan; Second: Kevin

Reeyan expressed concern about support of this item and noted many poor families rely on fossil fuel vehicles. There is a balance that needs to be played in support of green policies and considering who might be unintentionally harmed by those policies. Recommended the city looks instead at distributors within city limits to require a portion of substitutes to be mixed in the gas, or more sustainable sources of gasoline, rather than an outright ban on pumps themselves.

Pablo clarified it's a ban on expansion/new pumps. Shared similar concerns for those who want to get green quickly and that support might be putting the cart before the horse. A motion like this should go hand in hand with a focused public transport or other options. Suggested a potential CIS mention that city should look into ways to advance policies to promote transportation equity for those that rely on vehicles or alternative sources of transit for daily lives. ctric vehicles doesn't really address equity concerns. Following discussion, Jehan and Kevin moved to postpone further discussion of this item until the next meeting. Pablo offered to write a paragraph that we can review and work together on at next GLC meeting.

Follow-up to for continued discussion at next GLC meeting

- d) Discussion & Possible Action on submitting a CIS on CF 21-0863: City of Los Angeles Street Engagement Strategy/Right to Housing /Interim Supportive Housing/Housing Now Program/Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles/County of Los Angeles/Memorandum of Understanding)

Motion to file CIS in favor of CF 21-0863: Reeyan; Second: Pablo

CF 21-0863	Recommend DLANC CIS in Support
Jehan Reagan (Co-Chair)	Yes

Kevin Dieterle (Co-Chair)	Yes
Cody Nowak	Yes
Pablo Fontoura	Yes
Reeyan Raynes	Yes

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- e) Discussion & Possible Action on submitting a CIS on CF 21-0307: YMCA Shower Program/Portable Hygiene Station Program/Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention (HHAP) / Hygiene Services / Funding

Motion to file CIS in favor of CF 21-0307: Pablo; Second: Reeyan

Group discussed that this was imperative to addressing basic needs within the unhoused community.

CF 21-0307	Recommend DLANC CIS in Support
Jehan Reagan (Co-Chair)	Yes
Kevin Dieterle (Co-Chair)	Yes
Cody Nowak	Yes
Pablo Fontoura	Yes
Reeyan Raynes	Yes

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- f) Discussion & Possible Action on submitting a CIS on CF 20-0197: Social Housing/International Models/Construction/Government-Owned Properties/Funding Sources

Motion to file CIS in favor of CF 20-0197: Kevin; Second: Reeyan

Reeyan mentioned concern on issue of social housing. Some public housing units failed here. Argued while social housing can be a good concept concepts, implementation is often lacking. Jehan mentioned that sometimes there failure of policy implementation, but information gathering is an important part of the process. Success of social housing requires long-term investment of resources.

Debbie mentioned there are best practices to pursue with regards to a housing model.

Pablo validated Reeyan's concerns, but suggested promising models are still worth pursuing.

Reeyan mentioned government ownership of housing are often not good landlords and they can exacerbate poverty. There is a stigma with government owned. Recommendation to work with housing authorities, etc. to manage these. Kevin mentioned that affordable housing isn't just for the poor but also for the working class.

Jehan mentioned that even managing social housing through non-profits has the potential to exploit and privatizing can lose mission. The goal is to sustain housing, not make money.

CF 20-0197	Recommend DLANC CIS in Support
Jehan Reagan (Co-Chair)	Yes
Kevin Dieterle (Co-Chair)	Yes
Cody Nowak	Yes
Pablo Fontoura	Yes
Reeyan Raynes	No

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- g) Discussion & Possible Action on submitting a CIS on CF 21-0958: Victim Assistance Program (VAP) Grant / Victims of Crime Act Funds / California Office of Emergency Services (CAL OES) / Los Angeles County / Grant Acceptance

Motion to file CIS in favor of CF 20-0958:

Board declined action but expressed interest in pursuing other statements requiring action in support of similar issues/topics.

- h) Discussion & Possible Action on submitting a CIS on CF 19-0855: NextGen Bus Study / Operational and Infrastructure Improvements / Reliable Service

Motion to file CIS in favor of CF 19-0855: Reeyan; Second: Kevin

Metro came to last Board meeting introducing aspects of NextGen and bus priority lanes. City formed a working group to work alongside metro to provide city-wide recommendations to implementation. This is directing the city to do that.

CF 19-0855	Recommend DLANC CIS in Support
Jehan Reagan (Co-Chair)	Yes
Kevin Dieterle (Co-Chair)	Yes
Cody Nowak	Yes
Pablo Fontoura	Yes
Reeyan Raynes	No

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8) GLC Discussion for Future Action Items

- a) Discussion & Possible Action on submitting a CIS on CF 19-1235: AB 857/California Law/MunicipalBank of Los Angeles (MBLA)/Establishment/Public Bank License

9) Member comments

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Reyan referenced <http://www.kegel.com/los-angeles/cis/> as a manageable tool to track Council Files.

11) Adjournment

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